(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) if the action has not been taken so far, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e) S.D.O., P.W.D. Narayanganj, District Mandla (Madhya Pradesh) had issued a letter to General Manager Telecom, Bhopal asking to deposit approx. 35.00 lakhs for 1 Km. road from Jabalpur-Mandla (Km. 38-Km. 39). Divisional Engineer, Optical Fibre Cable Division-I, Jabalpur on 22.4.96 requested both SDO, PWD, Narayanganj and Executive Engineer, PWD, Mandla to submit the estimate on this account for road cutting charges and for damages caused for Km. No. 39/2 to 39/4 (200 metres only). But their reply was not received. As the reply and estimate is awaited from PWD, no enquiry was conducted.

Due Amount of HCL with DOT and MTNL

5531. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a sum of approximately Rs. 167 crore due to the Hindustan Cables Limited has been held up with the DOT and the MTNL for considerably long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Minister of Industry has written any letter to the Ministry for Communications in this respect;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the amount sought for, has been released to the Hindustan Cables Limited;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the time by which the amount sought for, likely to be released ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, M/s. Hindustan Cables Limited had requested to DOT for waiver of liquidated damages for delayed supplies, additional payment against cables with faulty pairs, waiver of price deduction due to poor quality of copper coated steel wire, price difference in the pricing agreements, etc. and had demanded Rs. 141.90 crores in lieu of these.

The Department of Telecom constituted a High Level Committee to examine the same. Based on the report of the Committee the Telecom Commission decided that, out of the demands as above, claims for only an estimated Rs. 31.14 crores could be considered tenable. Accordingly, M/s. HCL was advised to prefer the bills pertaining to these claims to the paying authority.

Pending submission and settle of the bills an 'on account payment' of Rs. 15.00 crore has already been made to M/s. HCL on 5.8.96.

In addition, about Rs. 1.64 crore have also been paid to M/s. HCL against their claims for reimbursement of Excise Duty on 5.2.1996.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Industry Minister has suggested to make an 'on account payment' of Rs. 100 Crores to M/s. HCL to tide over their financial crunch, pending consideration and final settlement of the outstanding amount.

(e) to (h) As replied in paras (a) and (b) above.

[Translation]

Workers in Management

5532. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a bill on participation of labourers in Managing Committees;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The Government introduced the Participation of Workers in Management Bill, 1990 in the Rajya Sabha on 30th May, 1990. Since a large number of notices proposing amendments to various provisions of the Bill were received, the Bill was remitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare for examination and report. The Parliamentary Standing Committee suggested the Government to review the Bill in the light of the notices received for making amendments to the Bill. The matter is being placed as an agenda item before the forthcoming meeting of Standing Labour Committee/Conference on the 13th Sept., 1996.

[English]

Financial Assistance to NGO's

5533. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations getting financial assistance from the Ministry; and

(b) the details of the activities of these Non-Governmental Organisations ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b)

STATEMENT

S.No.	Activities	No. of NGOs	No. of Schemes
1.	Scheduled Castes Welfare	328	01
2.	Tribal Welfare	86	01
3.	Welfare of Children and Aged	755	06
4.	Welfare of Handicapped	475	05
5.	Welfare of Minorities and Backward Classes	56	01

[Translation]

Crushing of Oil Seeds

5534. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oilseed crushing capacity is more than the available quantity of oilseed in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of oilseed crushing capacity during the last three years and the estimate of annual average availability of oilseeds;

(c) whether the Government have taken necessary measures for the availability of sufficient quantity of oilseeds in order to have maximum use of oilseed crushing capacity in the country during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of incentive given by the Government for the use of modern developed techniques in the oilseed crushing industry during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) As a result of delicensing of the vegetable oil industry w.e.f. 25th July, 1991, no authentic information about the oilseeds crushing capacity installed in the country is available.

(c) and (d) Government has taken a number of measures for increasing the production of oilseeds. These relate to (i) intensification of efforts for implementation of Oilseed Production Programme area expansion through sequential cropping, inter-cropping, (ii) replacement of low economic crop, (iii) increase in productivity by providing various services inputs, (iv) assistance for production and distribution of seeds, (v) distribution of mini kits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements and chemicals etc. In addition, front line and general demonstrations are conducted on farmers fields to transfer the production technology.

(e) For encouraging use of modern developed techniques Government has taken a number of measures. Some of these are liberal incentives for setting up of in-house R&D units, incentives for import of equipments considered necessary for promoting technology, coordinating and concentrating R&D efforts through Dte. of Vanaspati, Veg. Oils & Fats, CSIR etc. for improvement in the quantity and quality of oils and other co-products and providing financial assistance for the purpose etc.

Wakf Land in Delhi and U.P.

5535. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Wakf land in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the area of land encroached upon out of the above land;

(c) how far the Union Government and State Government are involved therein;

(d) the area of land freed from encroachment during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) There are reportedly 1886 Wakf properties in Delhi and 1,11,428 in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) & (c) According to the information furnished by Delhi Wakf Board and Government of Uttar Pradesh there are 143 Wakf properties under adverse possession of Delhi Development Authority and other Government agencies in Delhi, whereas in Uttar Pradesh 66 Wakf properties are under adverse possession of Central/State Government Departments. However, information regarding Wakf properties encroached upon by non-governmental agencies/individuals is not available.

(d) Nil.

(e) It has been provided vide Section 54 of the Wakf Act, 1995 that the Chief Executive Officer of a Wakf Board can order an encrocher to remove encroachment from Wakf property within a specified time limit and deliver possession of the Wakf property to the Mutawalli. It has further been provided vide Section 55 of the said Act that in case the encroacher fails to remove encroachment within the specified time limit, the Chief Executive Officer may take the assistance of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, in whose jurisdication the said property is situated, for evicting the encroacher. The said Act has been enforced throughout the country (except the State of Jammu and Kashmir) with effect from 1st January, 1996.

[English]

Street Children

5536. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to stat